

**TO: CHICAGO LODGE #7 /BOARD OF DIRECTORS
/UNIT REPRESENTATIVES
/WATCH REPRESENTATIVES
/MEMBERS**

**FROM: SIDNEY M. DAVIS
RECORDING SECRETARY**

**SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF MINUTES OF THE GENERAL
MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 20, 2007
AT F.O.P. HEADQUARTERS, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

SUMMARY OF MINUTES

President Donahue called the meeting to order at 1910hours.

Deceased Members Who Were Remembered During The Opening Prayer Were:

Bardo A. Tranchita, John J. Paczkowski, Walter F. Glocke, Raul S. Lopez, Robert W. Stevens, John C. Volland, Jr., Frank H. Szvedo, Jeffery A. Widlacki, Sr., Zenon J. Pet, Anthony P. Delgenio, Toxey Hall

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

AWARDS

The following officers were awarded the Distinguished Service Award by the Fraternal Order of Police, Chicago Lodge No. 7:

Police Officer Craig J. Bady, Police Officer Christopher Saladino, Police Officer John Rudolph, Police Officer Del Pearson, Police Officer Patrick Fahey, Jr., Police Officer Craig Brownfield, Police Officer Lee Trevino and Police Officer Michael Komo.

President Donahue:

Informed Lodge members that Tim Monehan (Tax Appeals Representative) is in the FOP Hall and will answer questions regarding filing a tax appeal.

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

The Minutes of the General Meeting held on October 16, 2007 were provided to those in attendance.

Motion by James Moriarty
2nd by Gloria Majerczyk

Motion: To waive the reading of the Minutes and to accept the minutes as printed

Motion passes

OFFICERS' REPORTS

President's Report

Mark Donahue

Contract Negotiations:

There has been some progress in contract negotiations; the Lodge has had several meetings with the City and one scheduled for the tomorrow with more in the next few weeks. The City has finally started to tender their proposals to the Lodge which will be posted to the FOP website for all to see. We have an agreement with the City, not to negotiate in the press.

Prison Review Board:

On November 15th, the Prison Review Board (Springfield, Illinois) met to discuss the issue of parole for the killer of police officer Kenny Kaner. Kenny was killed in 1970 while seated in his squad car writing up a missing person case report. Right after the death of Kenny the City instituted the two man car format after the hours of darkness. The Parole Board denied parole for the killer of Kenny.

DUI Case:

On May 5, 2006 an off-duty Chicago Police Officer was arrested for DUI in the City of Chicago. The off-duty officer refused to submit to the breathalyzer for the criminal part of the investigation, IAD arrived and ordered him to blow (administrative investigation). The States Attorneys Office tried to introduce it as evidence in court, we had our lawyers (in house) go to court and file a brief on behalf of the police officer. On November 15th, a judge ruled in favor of the officer, that the State could not use the results of the administrative blow against the officer.

IPRA:

The Independent Police Review Authority replaces the Office of Professional Standards. The Lodge has received lots of phone calls based on rumors that are circulating out in the districts and units about IPRA's duty and responsibilities. None of their duties will supersede the collective bargaining agreement and no General Order has changed police involved shootings. The rumor regarding the recent shooting (1st one to be investigated by IPRA) had the 3 officers involved being interrogated individually, that did not happen. IPRA does not have the right to conduct criminal investigations. The Lodge has filed an Unfair Labor Practice about the changes regarding the new City Ordinance concerning IPRA.

Discussion on the recent shooting involving IPRA

Retiree Health Care:

The Lodge is in the process of checking figures regarding charges against retired members on their health care premiums. We will have a court date scheduled soon in which the figures will be checked to assure we are correct in the refund due to our retired members.

2008 FOP Handbooks:

The 2008 FOP Handbooks including I.D's and stickers went out in the mail last Thursday (November 15th) for active officers. When all the data on retiree's has been obtained, books, I.D's and stickers will also be mailed to them, sometime in mid December.

2008 General Elections:

The elections for FOP are a few months away; Chairman of the Election Committee Carlos Saladino will address the membership later in this meeting regarding procedures that will be used in the election process.

2008 Illinois State Conference:

Some Lodge members have asked the dates for the 2008 State Conference with regards to furlough scheduling. The dates for the 2008 State Conference are July 18 and 19 at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Springfield, Illinois.

Anthony M. Sabella, Unit 018:

Spoke on the issue of the recent shooting and the reason for separating the 3 officers involved.

President Donahue:

Separating officers (police shootings) has been an element allowed in the past but rarely used until now, which will become standard procedure on future shootings. IPRA cannot speak to the officers at the scene of a shooting and only through a questioner at the roundtable.

Motion by John Dineen
2nd by Rich Aguilar
Motion: To accept the President's Report.
Motion passes.

1st Vice President's Report
By Bill Dougherty

Medical Grievances:

Since the October 2007 General Meeting the Lodge filed eighteen (18) grievances, of which ten (10) were for denial of I.O.D's, six (6) for officers placed into the psychological physical evaluations, one (1) for a BMO bill and one (1)

for an officer who was decertified at the medical section.

Flexible Spending Account:

Lodge members are reminded that individuals who signed up (2006) for the FSA have until March 15, 2007 to submit claims for the year 2006. If you still have money left in your accounts you need to use the funds up by the end of 2006.

Benefits Management Status Changes:

If you get married, divorced, adopt a child, give birth to a child, you have thirty (30) days to submit a dependant form to the BMO office. You may submit the changes online, however be sure to get a confirmation number if you submit the changes online. Best way is to hand carry your changes to the BMO office, have them make a copy and time stamp it. If the change is the birth of a child you have 180 days to make the change, they will not pay any bills on child birth until they receive a copy of the birth certificate.

Dental - Vision Plan / Retiree's:

There is a new number for retired members to use regarding Dental and Vision, that number is 1-866-201-2524, which can be used to enroll, receive a copy of the packet and make changes or an addition to your plan.

Health Fairs:

The Health Fair in the 8th District will end tomorrow (November 21st), it started Monday November 19th for three (3) consecutive days.

Motion by Don Richardson
2nd by Rick King
Motion: To accept the Vice President's Report.
Motion passes

2nd Vice President's Report

Frank DiMaria

Fall Uniform Resale:

The Fall Uniform Resale was conducted on October 17th, in which 200 Lodge members took advantage of low prices for shirts, belts, hats, wool coats, pants. The next uniform resale will be in April of 2008.

Uniform Committee:

The Lodge met with the Uniform Committee recently and learned that a new winter cap has been approved (skull cap), there are two (2) different styles that officers may wear.

Vest Covers:

Lodge members are reminded that the black quilted vest covers cannot be worn as outer garments, if you do inspectors will write you.

Vest Safety Day:

The Lodge will sponsor a vest safety day on February 14, 2008, from 9 am until 5pm in the FOP Hall. The Lodge will have representatives from all the soft body armor companies appear. If you still have vouchers when you traded in the Zylon vest, you may redeem them.

Parole Hearings:

Please sign the petitions (back of the room) to keep the murderer of Police Officer Ed Barron (004) in prison. The hearing is scheduled for Dec12, 2007 at 26th and California. Members are asked to take petitions back to their districts and units.

Motion by Joe Butney
2nd by Tom Skelly
Motion: To accept the 2nd Vice President's report
Motion passes

**3rd Vice President's Report
By Greg Bella**

Call-Outs or Shootings:

Since the last General Meeting (October of 2007), there were two (2) call outs in which five (5) officers were involved in one (1) shooting and one (1) death investigation.

Discipline Screening Panels:

There were twenty-nine (29) DSP's cases heard recently of which an alternate recommendation was given in thirteen (13) cases.

New Ordinance:

The Department has passed a new ordinance in which the Lodge has filed an Unfair Labor Practice on a part of the new ordinance regarding suspension time. General Order 02-09 (add 1), this is the Order on shootings, it has not been changed. Page 9 of that order has the responsibilities of OPS now known as the Independent Police Review Authority.

An explanation was given to the membership on the pros and cons of having an Attorney present instead of an FOP Field Representative.

The Contract Proposals tendered by the City was given to the members verbally by 3rd Vice President Greg Bella.

Vic Rini, Retired Member:

Spoke on the issue of brutality cases where the City pays to settle pending lawsuits.

Motion by Bill Dougherty
2nd by Frank DiMaria
Motion: To accept the 3rd Vice President's report
Motion passes

**Recording Secretary's Report
By Sidney Davis**

Military:

There are currently forty (40) officers on deployment with twenty-three (23) stationed overseas and seventeen (17)

with stateside duty.

The Knights of Columbus recently sent a Christmas package to about 45 police officers who are on active duty (stateside and on foreign soil). This is an annual event for the Knights. Thank You, Knights of Columbus

B.I.S. / P.C.P.:

Currently there are One-hundred sixty-four (164) officers in the Behavior Intervention System and twenty (20) officers in the Personal Concerns Program for a combined total of one hundred eighty-four (184) officers in both programs. When a Lodge member is enrolled in either program, (paper work is handed to you) the clock is ticking for you to request a hearing. Please contact the Lodge immediately upon receiving notification of being placed into either program.

Motion by **Mike Garza**
2nd by **Jerry Reid**
Motion: **To accept the Recording Secretary's Report**
Motion passes

Treasurer's Report
By John Capparelli

Membership Count: Patrol Officers/11,855; Sgts. & Above/342; Disabled/373; Retired/5,463; Outside Units/5; Total Membership: 18,038

Account Deposits and Disbursements:

Membership Account Deposits for October 2007: \$728,450.50
Membership Account Disbursements for October 2007: \$455,937.22
Membership Account Balance as of November 1, 2007: \$1,419,403.81

General Account Deposits for October 2007: \$13,437.65
General Account Disbursements for October 2007: \$2,771.41
General Account Balance as of November 1, 2007: \$125,181.65

Store Account Deposits for October 2007: \$51,031.55
Store Account Disbursements for October 2007: \$79,882.44
Store Account Balance as of November 1, 2007: \$87,674.32

PAC Deposits for October 2007: \$0.00
PAC Disbursements for October 2007: \$5,850.00
PAC Account Balance as of November 1, 2007: \$10,008.89

Legal Defense Account Balance as of November 1, 2007: \$4,948,385.33

Investment Account Balance as of November 1, 2007: \$2,000,000.00

Total Assets on Hand as of November 1, 2007: \$8,590,654.00

Unit Rep Parties:

Unit Reps who wish to have the Lodge purchase Christmas Tickets for their Districts or Units please send the Lodge a flyer of the event also the amount needed and who the check should be made out to.

Motion by Frank DiMaria
2nd by Kevin Graham
Motion: To accept the Treasurer's Report
Motion passes

**Financial Secretary's Report
By Timothy Fallon**

Gun Court:

The Lodge was in Gun Court today for a retired officer who had purchased a women and the City refused to allow him to register it, thus stopping him from the Carry and Conceal Bill (H.B.218). The Judge has briefs from Lodge 7 and the City; we are waiting for a ruling.

Seniority Sub Committee Hearing:

The City has tendered no proposals in regards to seniority; the Lodge mostly discussed their proposals. The one we did discussed at some length was our proposal to limit people being detailed out of district patrol to 5%. It was amazing at how two (2) Department personnel using computers can up with different figures on how many people were detailed out and in to a west side district. The City continues to have its problems to include payroll.

Duty Availability:

The Lodge has filed a grievance on behalf of PPOs, in that the City began the practice of pro-rating their duty availability checks around July of 2003. This practice was done to PPOs coming off of their 12 months probation period. Two-Thousand Officers will each receive about \$400.00 each, meaning that this arbitration will cost the City about \$800,000. In the past 6 years this administration has returned the sum of roughly three (3) million dollars to the membership through arbitration, discipline cases being overturned and contract grievances.

Also mention in Tim's report was an article in the Sun Times by Dana Starks on C.R.'s

Kathleen Gahagan, Unit 177:

Spoke on the issue of FLSA

Frank Quinn, Unit 022:

Spoke on the issue of C.R.'s and Log numbers

Don Richardson, Unit 023:

Spoke on the issue of C.R.'s obtained by Sergeants and their logs

Charles Udell, Unit 650:

Spoke on the issue of new hires for the police department

John O'Connor, Unit 009:

Spoke on the issue of Integrity Checks (on vehicles) by I.A.D.

Motion by Kevin Graham
2nd by Kurt Hageman
Motion: to accept the Financial Secretary's Report
Motion passes

OLD BUSINESS

President Donahue:

Spoke on the issue of Officer Terry Knox who was shot back in 1969 and the offender who shot Terry who jumped bail, then fled to Canada. That offender has been found (Cold Case Squad) and has been ordered to be extradited back to the USA.

Maurice Thigpen, Unit 006:

Spoke on the issue of Rule 14, and an officer (FTO Charlie Scott) from the 6th District who needs a heart transplant, a benefit has been planned for the officer. (Article will appear in the December FOP Newsletter on his benefit).

Don Richardson, Unit 023:

Spoke on the issue of Michael Mette.

Fernando Flores, Unit 017:

Spoke on the issue of Rule 14

Howard Burton, Unit 151:

Spoke on the issue of Rule 14

NEW BUSINESS

Vic Rini, Retired Officer:

Spoke on the issue of Knights of Columbus and their recent drive to send Christmas care packages to police officers serving their country as reservist.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Mike Garza, Unit 004:

Spoke on the issue of a PPOs and furloughs

Carlos Saladino, Disability Committee:

Carlos is the Chairmen for the upcoming FOP Elections (March 2008), he spoke on the issue of how the election will be held and the date of the election (March 14, 2008). On December 18, 2007 (Tuesday – FOP General Meeting), petitions for the below listed offices will be available for members who have met the requirements per the Constitution and By-Laws.

President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, 3rd Vice President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, 17 Trustee positions and 3 Sergeant At Arms positions.

Petitions will have to be returned in the month that the nomination was received (December 2007) per Constitution and By-Laws, which will be Friday December 20, 2007 (by COB).

President Donahue:

On behalf of the Board of Directors, we wish each and every member a safe and Happy Thanksgiving

After determining that no other business was pending....

**Motion by Jim Bailey Sr.
2nd by Jim Bailey Jr.
Motion: To adjourn the meeting
Motion passes.**

Meeting adjourned at 21:30 hours

Fraternally,

Sidney M. Davis
Recording Secretary